

INDICTMENT ON 'HALIBUT TRUST'

Federal Grand Jury at Seattle Returns Bills Against Several Big Concerns— Conspiracy to Limit and Control Supply and Price Alleged.

The federal grand jury at Seattle yesterday returned indictments under the Sherman anti-trust law against the members of the so-called halibut trust, which controls most of the halibut fisheries in the north Pacific and Behring sea, the product of which is sold in the United States.

Indictments were returned against the Booth Fisheries Company of Washington, the Chlopeck Fish Company of Seattle, the International Fisheries Company, the Occidental Fish Packing Company; A. B. Carpenter, president of the Booth Fisheries Company of Maryland; W. C. Chutter, president of the Booth Fisheries Company of Washington; William Calvert, Jr., president of the San Juan Fishing & Packing Company; W. J. Maddock, a buyer for the Booth interests; H. O. Roberts, buyer for the San Juan Fishing & Packing Company.

As soon as they were notified that

the indictments had been returned, W. C. Chutter, William Calvert, Jr., W. J. Maddock and H. O. Roberts went into court and were released on \$2500 bonds each.

The indictments allege conspiracy to control and limit the supply and price of halibut taken from the waters of the North Pacific and North Atlantic oceans and Behring sea, and shipped through the markets of Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, B. C., and Boston; to control the price paid to independent dealers for fish by making exorbitant and unreasonable bids against them; to control the price by refusing to bid against one another; to control prices by refraining from good faith competition in markets allotted by agreement among the indicted firms, and to control the markets and prices by intimidation and coercion of independent dealers.

The grand jury began its investigation at Seattle, May 12 last, under instructions sent to United States District-Attorney Clay Allen by Attorney-General McReynolds.

Labrador Cure Must Be Good.

Speaking of the Labrador cure fish, the Mail Advocate says:

We have received information of a serious character regarding the position of losing the Spanish markets for Labrador soft fish and we are convinced that unless every care is taken this season to split, wash, salt and cure Labrador soft fish, that our fish will be ousted from the Spanish market just as it has been from the English and Italian markets. And if the Spanish market is lost the result will be that Labrador soft fish will not be worth \$3 per quintal.

This is a serious matter for the Colony and must be attended to.

The only cure is inspection by a commission composed of representatives of the exporters and the fishermen and a law passed to enforce the commission inspection. This would be in the best interest of the fishermen and Colony, for the Colony is now face to face with the competition of Iceland fish which have come to the front during the last three years.

The Spanish fish merchants are now about to place their orders for the coming fall and unless the exporters here will guarantee that the Labrador fish will compare favorably with the Iceland cure, they will order Iceland fish, which will mean \$3 for Labrador fish.

In view of the short shore catch and the serious outlook in the Spanish market for Labrador fish, the floaters on the Labrador would be wise if they salted a fair share of their catch to be cured as dry Labrador, but if they endeavor to follow the directions published by us and turn out a number one soft Labrador cure, worthy of the name, it will not be a difficult matter to realize good prices for it.

BIG STOCK FOR FRED MORRISSEY

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, weighed out 268,000 pounds salt fish on her recent salt trawl banking trip, stocking the fine sum of \$10,212.65. The average share was \$220 and each shareman's part \$300.

This is the largest stock this season made either by an American or Nova Scotian banker. The Hines is now on the railways getting ready for her second trip.

FINE MACKEREL TRIPS AT BOSTON

Two of the hustlers of the seining fleet to the southward are in at Boston this morning with nice fares of fresh and salt tinker mackerel. They are schs. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron, with 40,000 pounds fresh tinkers and 180 barrels of salt ones and Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch, with 25,000 pounds fresh tinkers and 350 barrels of salt tinkers. The fares are among some of the best single trips of the season.

The steamers in Barnstable Bay yesterday made a few hauls. Among the arrivals at the Boston fish pier is steamer Robert and Edwin with 2400 pounds tinkers and 1000 pounds butter fish; sloop Pearl, 2400 pounds fresh tinkers. Sch. Pythian from seining has 3000 pounds fresh tinkers, 6000 pounds large and medium fresh mackerel in count and 12 barrels large salt mackerel.

Few Fish at Fort.

The boats in Ipswich Bay had only a few fish yesterday. Those landing at the Fort were steamers Lydia, 20 barrels fresh tinkers; Beatrice E., three barrels fresh tinkers and 50 barrels fresh bluebacks; Bessie A., five barrels fresh tinkers and 20 barrels fresh bluebacks.

Mackerel Off Great Point.

A despatch to the Times yesterday afternoon from Nantucket says that there was a lot of mackerel inside of Great Point yesterday. The Petrel took 60 barrels.

Yesterday's quotations on fresh mackerel at Boston were 27 cents each for large and 18 cents for medium. Tinkers sold by the pound.

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Sea of Swordfish.

The S. S. Cacouna arrived at Sydney, C. B. Friday morning at 2 o'clock. Captain Newman reports having sailed through a sea of swordfish about twenty-five miles off Cape St. Lawrence. The fish were assembled in schools and were throwing up the water in all directions. Captain Newman says that it was the largest school of swordfish he had ever seen on that route and that it means a great deal of money to fishermen.

Bad Fishery News.

The Prospero brings bad news of the fishery north. From Fogo down north for traps and lines the fishery is a total blank.—St. John's Herald, July 11.

Loading for Here.

The schooner Sadie A. Kimball, Capt. Kent, Tuesday from Portland for Swan's island, to take on a load of salt fish for this port.

FISH AT LOW NOTCH TODAY

Several of Fleet Will Here Without Offers at New Pier.

Groundfish sold low at Boston morning, Friday being a poor day. Several of those arriving terday afternoon came down the split, while others are expected.

The swordfishermen are doing three fares arriving this morning. They were schs. James and Bessie, 67; Hockomock, 43; Reliance, 34. Wholesale quotations were \$1.15 a hundred weight for haddock, \$2.75 for large and \$1.60 for market cod, \$1 to \$1.50 for hake, 17 cents a pound for swordfish.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in are:

Sch. Annie Perry, 5000 haddock, 000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 9000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Italian boat, 1000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Elk, 2000 salt cod, 12,000 35,000 cusk, 20,000 halibut.

Sch. Mary F. Ruth, 22,000 lbs. tinker mackerel, 70 blbs. salt tinker mackerel.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 25,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 12,000 dock, 29,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 15,000 haddock, cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 15,000 dock, 23,000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 15,000 haddock, 000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 3000 dock, 39,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Hockomock, 46 swordfish.

Sch. Reliance, 34 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.10 to \$1.50 per large cod, \$2.75, market cod, \$2; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 17 per lb.; fresh tinker mackerel, 5 per lb.

Newfoundland Loadings.

The Ofelia left Belleoram with a go of 2000 qtls. codfish shipped Harvey & Co., for Pegaria. The following vessels are loading, the at Grand Bank by Patten and for Oporto, the Enhansen at Bank by S. Harris for Oporto, let at Grand Bank by Tibbo & for Oporto, the Noah at Belleoram Harvey & Co., Europe; the Ewart, Belleoram, Harvey & Co. Wood's Island from Gloucester, Pew Co., yesterday and the sch. Otis arrived from the fishing with 250 qtls., Gorton Pew Co., Wood's Island. The sch. Kowt master and the Ruby, master, arrived at Channel, qtls. each.—St. John's Herald, 11.

OT OF FARES DOWN TO SPLIT

re Fresh Halibuter Home Today Has But Small Catch.

Fresh fish were in good receipt here this morning, a number of fresh fares being down from Boston to split, while a couple of the fresh drifters and one salt drifter were in direct from off shore.

Of the fresh drifters here are schs. Thalia, 40,000 pounds; Etta Mildred, 40,000 pounds. Sch. Jubilee from salt drifting hauls for a fine fare of 50,000 pounds.

Sch. Avalon halibuting had a small halibut fare and some fresh and salt mackerel. The American Halibut Company purchased the halibut at 9 cents per pound for white, 6 1-4 cents for medium and 4 1-4 cents for large grays.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Thalia, drifting 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, via Boston, 350 lbs. salt tinker mackerel.

Sch. Pythian, via Boston, 600 fresh mackerel, 28 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Etta Mildred, drifting 65,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Romance, seining, 3500 large medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. W. H. Moody, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Avalon, Western Banks, 6000 lbs. fresh halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh salt cod.

Sch. Onate, Grand Banks, 170,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Brown, haddocking.

Sch. Elmer E. Bray, halibuting.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Cape Port.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Cape Port.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$4.25.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$3.

Drift cod, large \$2.50; medium, \$2.10.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.30.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Flitchted halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.10.

Small pollock, 75c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white and 6 1-4c and 4c for small and large gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 3 1-4c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt and freeze; 60c per bbl. for oil.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

Galatea Hit on Georges Shoal.

Sch. Galatea of Boston, Capt. Bobson, was abandoned on Georges after having grounded on one of the shoals last Tuesday and the crew after taking to their dories were rescued several hours later by sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth and landed at Boston.

The accident happened during a thick fog, when suddenly the craft struck the shoal and commenced to fill rapidly. Her crew of 17 men took to their dories in quick time. There was a high sea running at the time and after rowing and drifting for some time, the Rob Roy came along and took the men aboard. They were landed at Boston.

The Galetea was owned by A. M. Watts, Jr., and valued at \$5000. She was built in this city in 1905 and measured 65.12 tons net.

Her captain and crew immediately shipped over to sch. Alice, formerly commanded by Capt. James O'Brien, who now commands sch. John J. Fallon.

Mackerel at Halifax.

With a large fare of fish, consisting mostly of mackerel, the sch. James L., arrived at Halifax from Prospect Monday evening. The fish were consigned to the North Atlantic Fisheries Co. The James L. and 5000 mackerel and about 400 pounds of salmon, which were caught in the vicinity of Prospect. She also landed some 3000 mackerel on Saturday.

The fishing sch. Rising Sun arrived on Sunday with 70 barrels of salt mackerel, which were received by N. and M. Smith. J. Watson, the north end fish merchant received 10 barrels of iced mackerel on Saturday.

N. F. Catch to Date.

Following is a comparative report of the Newfoundland fish catches by districts to June 27:

District	1913	1914.
Placentia & St. Mary's	6,120	16,020
Burin	32,330	32,400
Fortune Bay	20,890	18,900
Burgeo and La Poile	25,415	18,980
St. George's	1,920	1,430
St. Barbe	560	1,050
T'gate	200	2,285
Fogo	no report	no report
Bonavista	110	5,845
Trinity	240	2,050
Bay de Verde	200	no rept.
Carbonear	40	120
Hr. Grace	560	830
Port de Grave	no report	no report
Hr. Main	10	50
Ferryland	240	755

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CORRESPONDENCE IS INTERESTING

Cong. Gardner Replies to Inquiry of E. Archer Bradley on Fish Matters.

The following correspondence has recently passed between E. Archer Bradley, manager of the fish concern of Sylvanus Smith & Co., Inc., and Congressman Gardner:

Mr. Bradley's Letter.

Hon. A. P. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Capt. Gardner:

As I noticed in the papers that you are about to leave Washington on a vacation trip to Europe, to be gone four or five weeks, I take the liberty of writing, asking if you can give me any information regarding what has been done to the request of the Committee from the Gloucester Board of Trade, and the Master Mariners' Association, which was made by them a short time ago, as to the commercial privileges which would be allowed our fishing vessels, whether with, or without the payment of a license fee.

Any information you can give me on the subject will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,
E. ARCHER BRADLEY.

Congressman Gardner's Reply.

July 13, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Bradley:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 1, 1914 in which you ask what progress has been made in securing from Canada and Newfoundland the concessions

demanded a short time ago by a committee from the Gloucester Board of Trade and the Master Mariners Association.

The principal concession asked for referred to the tax of \$1.50 per ton which Canada imposes on our fishing vessels. In order to obtain this concession it is necessary for the Canadian Parliament to pass a law changing the present Statute. Unfortunately, the Gloucester fishery interests through their special representatives have informed Sec. Bryan they do not wish legislation on the part of Canada but desire to accomplish the result which they seek by an Order in Council. I have no doubt that the Gloucester fishery interests have been misinformed with respect to this question, inasmuch as the Canadian Government has no power whatever to change the license charge on our fishing vessels by an Order in Council.

This can only be accomplished by an Act of Parliament and yet gentlemen from your city have informed the Secretary of State that an Act of Parliament is precisely what they do not desire. Inasmuch as the Canadian Parliament adjourned on June 12th, you can easily see that nothing further can at present be accomplished.

I have not given my opinion with regard to this question except when asked, but I venture to call your attention to the fact that the ink is scarcely dry on the agreement made between the United States and the British Provinces in consequence of the action of the Hague Tribunal. I also beg to call your attention to the fact that there is a great demand throughout the United States for the admission of all food products free of duty. If in spite of these circumstances, the Gloucester fishery interests think it wise to press this matter further on the reassembling of the Canadian Parliament, I shall be ready to act as pilot if it is so desired.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) A. P. GARDNER.

Portland Fishing News.

Two beam trawlers landed fish at the Burnham & Morrill factory, the steamers Ripple and Breaker each having over 80,000 pounds. The Rockland steamer Sophia was anchored at the factory wharf Thursday taking on a full load of heads, etc., for shipment to Vinalhaven, where they will be converted into glue.

Capt. Davis Wilson of Harpswell, a veteran fisherman, came near losing his life and also his big Hampton boat Thursday morning when he ran here ashore during the fog on the ledges at the eastern point of Eagle Island, nearly capsizing the boat and throwing the captain into the water. His boat was heavily laden with butterfish and in order to get her off he was obliged to jettison about 2500 pounds of his catch. He managed to retain about eight barrels when his craft slid off into the water, and these he brought up to Portland, although in doing so he was obliged to stop frequently to bale out the boat, which was leaking badly.

NO FISH FREIGHT INCREASE.

Proposed increased rates on fish in carloads from Brunswick, Ga., to Philadelphia, New York and Boston, ranging from 10 to 17 1-2 cents per 100 pounds, were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday until November 15.

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